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Rebecca Landsberry

Letter from the Editor:

Hensci readers. I'm glad to see the weather finally warming up a bit here in Oklahoma! I recently heard from one of our California Creeks and he noted the nice conditions out West, however, I know we have readers all the way in Alaska and beyond that still have a few months to thaw before they can enjoy the season!

I can't tell you how much I enjoy your letters, phone calls and e-mail about what is happening in your communities, no matter where you are. There are Creeks all over the world and each one with a unique and interesting story to tell and I revel in the fact that I get to hear so many on a daily basis.

One of the biggest things happening in our Nation right now is the court proceedings involving the communities. I have gotten the opportunity to attend most of the court dates and I am looking forward to reporting the final verdict as soon as it is released from the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court.

Although there will always be disputes, I have faith that our government will always try to do what is right for the betterment of the Creek people as a whole and this goes for the executive, legislative and judicial branches.

If you have news, events or story ideas, please contact the Communications Department by phone at (918) 732-7720 or e-mail me at RLandsberry@musco-geenation-nsn.gov.

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CHIEF VS. CHARTERED COMMUNITIES HEARS CLOSING ARGUMENTS

by Rebecca Landsberry
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE — As debates from both sides continued throughout the month of April, testimonies from community members, representatives and tribal authorities have been heard by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court.

Duck Creek, Holdenville, Okemah, Checotah and Eufaula Indian Communities have relied heavily upon community officers for the defense. The Court has heard Checotah Community Chairman Wilson Bear and former National Councilman and current Chairman of Eufaula Community Tom Pickering.

A number of tribal officials have also been subpoenaed in the case over the past month including Muscogee (Creek) Nation Gaming Commissioner Jason Nichols and Principal Chief A.D. Ellis who have both taken the stand twice. Also testifying have been Manager of Community Research and Development Steve Landsberry, Director of Community Services Dr. Danette McIntosh and Controller Gary Rogers, among others.

One of the areas being disputed is whether or not gaming funds are being expended as per capita payments in the form of community programs, a number of which, have no need-based requirements.

The National Indian Gaming Commission has strict regulations as to the use of



MNN/Angel Ellis

Pictured above is the crowd gathered at one of the days of testimony in the Chief v. Chartered Communities case which was heard over the course of several days. A ruling on the case has not yet been released.

gaming funds. If MCN communities are found to be using gaming money to finance community programs, the NIGC could fine the Muscogee (Creek) Nation or possibly revoke the Nation's gaming license.

On Mon., April 13, MCN District Court Judge Patrick Moore heard closing arguments from both sides. Upon conclusion of these, all

defense attorneys requested to submit written findings of fact to the Court by or before noon on Fri., April 17 for the Court's consideration.

Keep reading the *Muscogee Nation News* for up-to-date information regarding the progress of this matter. All developing information will be published in the MNN.

Principal Chief responds to petition allegations

Media Release
Office of the Principal Chief

OKMULGEE — Listed are the allegations/accusations made in the Notice of Petition to Remove a Public Officer, against A.D. Ellis, Principal Chief, filed in the Election Board Office on March 20, 2009. Following each allegation/accusation as stated in Violation of Oath of Office (word for word as printed in the Notice of Petition to Remove a Public Officer) you will find Chief Ellis' rebuttal statements.

A. A.D. Ellis, without sufficient cause and without due process, and outside of any powers within his constitutional capacity as Principal Chief, did issue "Proclamations" which were not authorized by tribal law, and upon issuance of those "Proclamations" did interrupt the legal operations of properly chartered Communities

of the Muscogee Nation.

As Principal Chief I have the executive authority, as all former Chiefs had during their term in office, to issue Proclamations and Executive Orders. Clarification, the official papers that I issued were not Proclamations, they were Executive Orders.

B. A.D. Ellis has, in violation of tribal law, utilized the light Horse to deliver documents of the Office of the Principal Chief, creating the false illusion that said documents were orders of the Courts of the Muscogee Nation, in an attempt to intimidate legal officers of properly chartered Communities of the Muscogee Nation.

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Week of the Young Child

by MNN Senior Writer
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OKMULGEE — Kicking off an important week for early childhood education, Principal Chief A.D. Ellis signed a proclamation which recognizes April 20-24 as the Week of the Young Child. A collaborative effort between programs, policies and people has been made to achieve the task of putting children first.

Many head start facilities will be celebrating next week by attending the Little Olympics at the MCN complex and participating in a parade around the downtown Okmulgee square which starts at 10am. Apart from those activities some locations are having special events like Yardeka Head Starts balloon release on April 21 at 10am.



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EXECUTIVE

From the Office of the Principal Chief

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The Light Horse Police Department falls under the Administration Branch of Tribal government and has always delivered documents when called upon. These documents did not appear or mention any court systems.

C. A.D. Ellis, during a period immediately before our national elections for Principal Chief, Second Chief, and National Council, did expend tribal funds for campaign purposes by going to California to campaign among absentee voters.

I have receipts on my credit card that prove all expenses to California were paid by me. Therefore you will not find this information in tribal records. But what you will find in tribal records is travel expenses paid in the amount of \$749.79 to Anaheim, Cali., for Tom Pickering to campaign during this time. During this same time frame, Bill and Jeff Fife was paid a total of \$331.2.27 to go to Montgomery, Ala., Lena Wind was paid \$1.072.38 to Las Vegas - Ms. Caldwell \$91.2.05 to Las Vegas in July 2007. Could one say that these were campaign trips?

D. A.D. Ellis did, without authorization, sell tribal assets in the form of the bison heard which grazed upon the Hanna Project tribal lands, and

did, without authorization, expend the proceeds of that sale to settle a tribal program debt which had not been authorized by the National Council



"I would advise the sponsor of this Petition to get educated on the Nation's tribal affairs before throwing accusations."

- Principal Chief A.D. Ellis

and which the National Council had properly refused to honor because it had never been authorized.

I've never even seen this bison herd. I believe they were given to the Nation free and accepted by Second Chief Berryhill. I understand the former director Allen Harjo sold these animals due to high maintenance cost (expenses in excess of \$50,000 per year); proceeds were used to purchase more cattle. National Council was informed.

E. A.D. Ellis has either, (a) interfered with, or (b) allowed other persons to interfere with, the plain language of an Amendment adopted by the Constitutional Convention and to change the language and meaning and intent of that Amendment prior to its submission to the Election Board by the Constitution Committee, thereby failing to enforce the laws and constitution of the Muscogee Nation.

I have absolutely no control over the duly established Constitutional

Commission. The National Council's lack of action is now depriving the Creek people of their voting rights to amend their Constitution.

F. A.D. Ellis has wasted tribal resources through constant legal battles against the National Council of the Muscogee Nation, and has utilized members of the Supreme Court for political purposes by securing rulings which are not only contrary to the plain language of the Constitution of the Muscogee Nation but also contrary to the customs and traditions and political history of the Muscogee people.

How dare anyone say I utilized the Supreme Court in any way. This court is our supreme court and has ruled as accurately as possible according to our Constitution.

G. A.D. Ellis has failed to properly manage and safeguard the Muscogee Nation's finances by making sure that a different independent outside auditor is brought in no more than every fifth year.

The National Council passed legislation to permit this auditing process.

H. A.D. Ellis has used the Muscogee Nation News to make personal attacks against tribal members, contrary

to the fact that each enrolled citizen owns an equal undivided interest in the Muscogee Nation News, and I believe that any such personal attacks

are beneath the dignity of the office of Principal Chief.

I agree, all tribal property belongs to the Creek people. I only write the truth and I will stand by anything I say.

I. A.D. Ellis terminated the successful watermelon project of the Hanna Community despite the fact that they were receiving support funding from other tribal chartered communities and has not offered them technical assistance to return the project to the Hanna Community nor allowed them access to community funds.

The watermelon project planted 40 acres last year and this year plans on planting 100 acres. They may even double the revenue for 2009, that which they made in 2008. I believe this means we are improving the operation - not terminating it, as Deborah Pruitt states.

I would advise the sponsor of this Petition to get educated on the Nation's tribal affairs before throwing accusations.

Legal notices

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP
OF THE PERSON AND ESTATE OF
C.A.C.,
A minor child.

2009 APR -2 P 10:59
Case No. GD 2009-10
Judge Patrick E. Moore

SERVICE OF SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION NOTICE

To: Cynthia Lyn Salmon and Felix Caballero

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued for Guardianship of a Minor Child in the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District, GD-2009-10, styled *In re the Guardianship of C.A.C., a minor child*. As the parents of this child, the Petition alleges that the Petitioner should be granted guardianship of the minor child based on abandonment.

You are notified that you must answer the Petition filed by the petitioner and appear at the hearing scheduled for the 12th day of May, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court, Mound Building, Hwy 75 and 56 Loop, Okmulgee, OK or the allegations contained in the Petition will be taken as true and judgment will be entered against you and in favor of petitioner as prayed for in her Petition.

Given under my hand and seal this 2 day of April, 2009.

Nancy Jukich, Court Clerk
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court,
Okmulgee District

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF:
C.D., A.D., C.D. and D.D.
Alleged Deprived Children

2009 APR 14 A 9:48
Case No. JV-2003-19
NANCY JUKICH
COURT CLERK
MUSCOGEE (CREEK)
NATION

NOTICE OF HEARING TO:

Unknown Father as to A.D. and C.D.

YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that a Petition has been filed against you in the above-styled and numbered cause and will be heard in the District Courtroom of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Tribal Complex in Okmulgee, Oklahoma on the 12th day of June, 2009 at 10:00 A.m.

YOU ARE HEREBY INFORMED that it is sought by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation that the children remain wards of the Court and custody be continued in the Children and Family Services Administration for continued foster placement of possible pre-adoptive placement. YOU ARE FUTHER INFORMED that you have the right to be represented by legal counsel at this hearing.

JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Proposed legislation

by Angel Ellis
MNN Senior Writer

Business and Governmental Committee

Chairperson: Steve Bruner

NCA 09-068 is law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Authorizing a special appropriation to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Division of Health administration to provide a maintenance agreement for the emergency medical alert device system.

The bill was introduced on April 6, 2009 by Rodger Barnett, who also sponsored the bill. The purpose of this Act is to authorize a special appropriation to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Health System to purchase a maintenance agreement.

Should the bill pass the sum of \$30,000.00 would be appropriated for the use of purchasing emergency alarm systems for citizens in need.

NCA 09-069 is law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing a special appropriation to financially assist a Muscogee (Creek) student to participate in the Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C.

The elementary student was nominated



by a teach to represent Okmulgee in the conference. The nomination was based on the student's scholastic merit, maturity and strength of character.

The bill was introduced on April 3, 2009 by James Jennings, who also sponsored the bill. The purpose of this Act is to authorize a special appropriation to financially assist a Muscogee (Creek) student to participate in the Junior National Young Leaders conference in Washington, D.C. The appropriation would be for \$1,291.50.

Tribal Affairs Committee

Chairperson: Bill Fife

NCA 09-070 is Law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing a supplemental appropriation to the environmental services FY-2009 budget.

This bill was introduced on April, 1 by the Office of the Second Chief and sponsored by Eddie LaGrone.

The Environmental Department requires a supplemental appropriation for the FY 2009 budget in the amount of \$11,640.00 to continue the Dumpster program.

The purpose of this Act is to authorize a supplemental appropriation to the Environmental Services Taxes and Licenses FY 2009 Budget. The appropriation is would be for the amount of \$11,640.00.



Enacted legislation

by Angel Ellis
MNN Senior Writer

TR 09-020 is Tribal Resolution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing the Principal Chief, on behalf of the Division of Housing to enter into local cooperation agreements and payment in lieu of tax agreements, with the various counties located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

TR 09-022 is Tribal Resolution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing the Principal Chief to execute service agreements with Verizon wireless and their authorized agents for cellular phone services.

TR 09-023 is Tribal Resolution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing the Great Seal of the Muscogee Nation to be displayed on the site and/or in exhibit galleries of the American Indian Cultural Center and Museum.

NCA 09-035 is law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing a budget modification for the Division of Housing.

NCA 09-043 is law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation appropriating funds for phase III of the Hanna Indian Community Garden/Farm project and authorizing the transfer of the Hanna Indian Community Garden/Farm Project program income to the Hanna Indian Community.

NCA 09-044 is law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing the expenditure of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

NCA 09-049 is law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing a supplemental appropriation to

the Mvskoke language program FY 2009 Budget.

NCA 09-050 is law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing the expenditure of funds awarded to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Transit program.

NCA 09-051 a law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing the expenditure of funds awarded to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Reintegration Program.

NCA 09-055 is law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing a supplemental appropriation to Muscogee (Creek) Nation Risk Management for the establishment of a Geospatial Department.

NCA 09-056 is law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing a special appropriation to assist Dewar Public Schools.

NCA 09-057 is law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing an appropriation to assist in sponsoring the 7th Annual Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair.

NCA 09-059 A law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing a special appropriation to assist a Muscogee (Creek) student in participating in the nationally recognized People to People Student Ambassador Program.

NCA 09-060 is law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing a special appropriation to assist a Muscogee (Creek) student in participating in the nationally recognized People to People Leadership program.

NCA 09-061 is law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation amending MCNCA Title 21, 4-102 (F) "Stipends/Mileage" to adjust stipend rates.

Committee Meetings

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Steve Bruner - Chairman
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Travis Scott
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Meetings: Thursday prior to Planning Session at 6 p.m., in the Council chambers.

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Meetings: Third Tuesday at 5:30 p.m., in the Council chambers.

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A time for Thank You, Appreciation and Encouragement.*

Joshua 1:3-9

I promise you what I promised Moses: 'Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you ... No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you.'

Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

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Cruce spices things up at FD

by Joshua Slane
Systems Analyst

OKMULGEE — In today's economy, many people are either suffering, or one pay check or unexpected expense away from suffering, and while some CEOs might be suffering on a nice beach somewhere while sipping a martini many of us are not so fortunate in our ill fortune. Thankfully, for those of us who live in the real world, there are programs that are designed to help us through hard times. One of these programs is the Food Distribution Program.

The Food Distribution Program is a food supplemental program, which aims to assist individuals and families that would not otherwise get enough to eat.

One of the things that separates the food distribution program from the federal food stamp program is that if applicants meet the Food Distribution's guidelines they are entitled to the full amount of assistance whereas benefits are available on a sliding scale with the food stamp program.

Of course, households that have to feed more people will receive more help, but that is independent of income, so long as they meet the guidelines listed below.

Applicants will need a CDIB or citizenship card from a federally recognized tribe. Second, they must submit verification of income for the last thirty days or verification of unemployment. Third, proof of residency within the boundary of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation which takes the form of a utility bill in the applicant's name must be provided. And lastly, applicants must submit copies of the social security cards for all household members.

Unfortunately, people who reside within the city limits of Tulsa, Broken Arrow, Sand Springs and Muskogee are not eligible to receive help from the food assistance program, but may still apply for food assistance is through the federal food stamp program.

The income guidelines are as follows: For a household of one, the income limit per month is \$1,011. For a household of two it is \$1,311. For a family of four the amount is \$1,914. There are some deductions, as in the case of a party making child support payments to someone outside of the household. The party is then allowed to deduct the amount of child support. Additionally, and if earned income credit is available, the applicant would be allowed to deduct 20 percent of the earned income.

There are a couple of ways to go about receiving assistance through the program, the most common of



MNN/Rebecca Landsberry

Pictured above is the Food Distribution Center which serves the nutritional needs of some 2700 to 2900 people living in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation on a monthly basis.

which would be to come to the food distribution center and pick up the food your household is allotted.

The second option allows participants to receive their food from local distribution stops made monthly. A Food Distribution truck travels to a variety of points throughout the Creek Nation and distributes the food for clients that might not have reliable trans-

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Food Distribution Program serves between 2700 and 2900 people monthly, and as can be expected of such a program in these times of economic turmoil, the program is still growing.

Recently, I had the opportunity to sit down with the new manager of the Food Distribution Program, Anna Cruce. Anna lives in Okmul-

Joshua: What is your favorite thing about working here at Creek Nation.

Anna: I believe Creek Nation has a great opportunity to move forward and I enjoy helping the citizens.

Joshua: So, having just stepped into your position a little over a month ago, what is your impression of the way the program is running?

"I am very pleased with how things have been run. But I also know that there is always room for improvement and that will come with time."
- Anna Cruce

portation may still receive assistance without having to travel to Okmulgee. The locations include stops in Holdenville, Checotah, Bristow, Glenpool, Sapulpa, Coweta, Eufaula, Weleetka and Okemah.

The supply truck runs to Bristow Indian community Center on the second Thursday of every month from the hours of 9:30 to 11:30, Checotah from 9:30 to 11:30 every third Thursday, Coweta every second Tuesday at 8:30 to 11:00, Eufaula every third Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30, Glenpool on the second Wednesday from 9 a.m., to 10 a.m., Holdenville on the fourth Thursday of the month from 9:30 to 11:30, Okemah on the fourth Wednesday from 9 a.m., to 10:30, Sapulpa on the third Wednesday of the month from 9:30 to 11:30 and Weleetka on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 9 - 10 a.m. A copy of this schedule is also available in the *Muscogee Nation News* each month.

gee and is the grand daughter of Chief Claude Cox. She has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Southern Nazarine University that she received in 2000. She worked for the health system from 1993 through 2001 when she moved away from the Muscogee Nation. She only recently returned, applied for the position of manager and began work on Feb. 23. The following is an interview conducted on March 25, 2009.

Anna: I am very pleased with how things have been run. But I also know that there is always room for improvement and that will come with time.

Joshua: So what are some of the things happening in the Food Distribution Program?

Anna: Currently we are in the process of having another distribution center built. It is located in Wetumka and will serve the clients in that portion of the Muscogee Nation.

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• Friends of the Mvskoke Nation Veterans to host taco and garage sale

OKMULGEE — Friends of the Mvskoke Nation Veterans will be sponsoring a taco and garage sale in order to raise money for the Native American Veterans from all Nations.

Please note that there has been a date change for the sale which will be held Sat., April 25, not April 20, as stated previously. The event will be held at the Okmulgee Indian Community Center beginning at 8 a.m., and lasting until 5 p.m.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Mike Coon at (918) 279 - 3250.

• Tobacco Workshop: Cultivating Reverence

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tobacco Prevention Program will be hosting a tobacco workshop on Thurs., May 7 from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the Green Country Technology Center, in the main building in conference rooms A and B.

The workshop will be instructed by Bill Breckinridge and lunch will be provided. The sessions are open to everyone who would like to explore the history of tobacco, examine modern American attitudes toward tobacco, learn alternatives to commercial tobacco and preserve Native cultures.

There will also be a hands-on planting session to prepare and plant seeds for a summer garden and ongoing assistance will be provided to conserve tobacco plants throughout the year.

For more information or to register for this event, please contact the MCN Tobacco Prevention Program by phone at (918) 623-1189 or fax at (918) 623-2077.

PROGRAMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Webb-Vega & Tabbytite Wedding

OKMULGEE — Gina Webb-Vega and Scott Tabbytite are planning to wed in May.

The bride is the daughter of Margie Chalakee and Steve and Kim Fleener.

She has one sibling, Jonah Fleener.

Her grandparents are the late Martha and Webster Chalakee and Gene and Peggie Fleener.

She is of the Deer Clan and of the Thlophlocco Tribal Town.

The groom is the son of Rhonda Parker and Shawn Tabbytite.

He is also the grandson of Mary Smith and Hazel Fields.



Bourbon Lasarge.

Paternal grandparents are Sue Morgan Bishop and Ronald Felix.

Great grandparents are the late Albert and Bernice Thomas.

He is of the Raccoon Clan and the Kialegee Tribal Town.

Isaiah L. Hicks

TULSA — Isaiah L. Hicks celebrated his 11th birthday on Feb 21, with a dinner with family.

He is the son of Judith Hicks.

He has five siblings: Elijah Hicks, Keaton, Kia, Keirra and Ethan Tiger.

Grandparents are Helen and Tommy Frank and Terry and Fracine Hicks.

He is an honor roll student at Okemah Public Schools.



Madison Nicole McGirt

MOUNDS — Madison Nicole McGirt celebrated her third birthday with a theme of “Dora the Explorer” at Chuck E. Cheese.

She is the daughter of Chester and Stephanie McGirt.

She has four siblings: R.D., Amber, Tristan and Dylan.

Grandparents are Kay and Louis Marshall and the late Betty McGirt.

Great grandparents are the late Stoddard and Jeanetta Sullivan and the late C.O., Sr., and Samaria Marshall.

She is of the Deer Clan.



Brigitte Elizabeth Postoak

TULSA — Brigitte Elizabeth Postoak celebrated her 22th birthday on April 4, with a theme of “Let the Good Times Roll”

She is the daughter of the late Amos and Marion Postoak.

She has 10 siblings: Morgan, Gwen, Christina, Jeffry, Louis, Ashlee Postoak, Charlie Miller, Bonnie Jackson, Noel and Rebecca Rutherford.

Grandparents are Eli and Elizabeth Postoak and Karl and Brigitte Zwanzig.

Great grandparents are Lincoln Postoak and Patty Bruner Tingley, Lucinda T. Culley and Thompson Davis, Otto and Frieda Zwanzig and Arthur and Anna Floether.

She is of the Beaver Clan.



BIRTHDAYS

Kaden Blaise Felix

TULSA — Kaden Blaise Felix celebrated his fourth birthday on March 6, with a theme of “Spiderman” for his cookout party at Kiddy Lake.

He is the son of April Thomas and Louie Felix.

He has one sibling, Jaden Morgan Felix.

Maternal grandparents are the late Reba Thomas and



Alexzavier John Takse Lowe

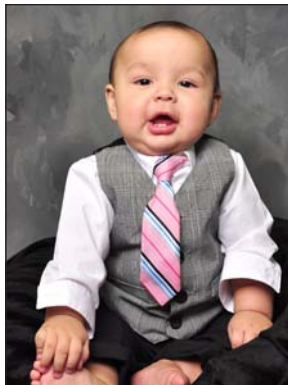
TULSA — Alexzavier John Takse Lowe was born on Oct. 3, 2008 at St. Francis.

He weighted 9 pounds and 1 ounce and was 22 and 1/4 inches in length. His parents are Heather and Vincent Lowe. He has one sibling, J-Lyn Rochelle Culv Lowe.

Grandparents are Joellen Frank and Gloria and Rusty.

Great grandparents are the late Rev. Newman and Louvina Frank and the late Joseph and Betsy Factor.

He is of the Wind Clan and attends Springtown UMC.



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Sanders brothers quickly becoming masters of the mat

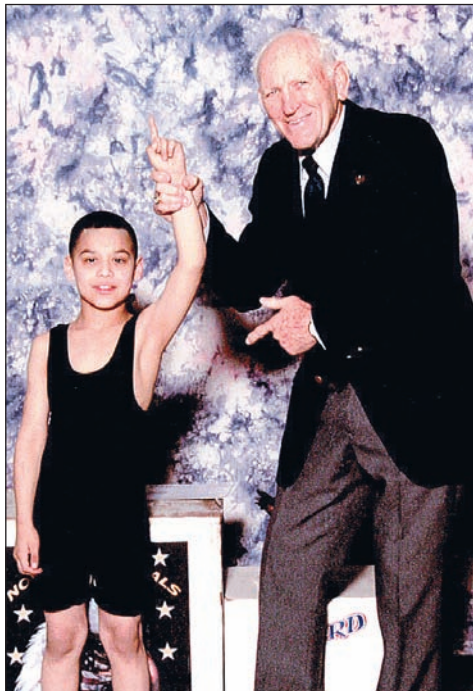
by Jason Salsman
MNN Sports Reporter

PRESTON — Fans of wrestling, and no its not the glitzy WWE “sports entertainment” wrestling I’m talking about, might want to keep an eye on the tiny town of Preston. Two Creek boys are ready to make waves on the mat scene.

The brothers Sanders, Mateo and Yahola, have carved out a nice path of success in just a short time and are quickly becoming household names in the grappling community. These siblings might have started out wrestling each other, but now have their sights set squarely on the competition. The scary part is, they’re just getting started.

The rookie is five-year-old Yahola, whose first season in wrestling seemed to resemble that of a wily veteran, not someone just learning the ropes. There was not much of a learning curve. In the seven tournaments he entered, Yahola placed in six while competing in the 6-under, Division I-66 lbs., and heavyweight division. He finished his year with runner-up titles at the Glenpool Novice and Ft. Gibson Classic

tournaments. He nabbed a third place finish at the Collinsville Novice tourney and finished with fourth



At left, Mateo Sanders receives his congratulations for winning the Cliff Keen Novice National Championship from wrestling legend Danny Hodge. On the right, Mateo along with younger brother Yahola, strike a fearsome pose for the competition. Together, the brothers compiled an outstanding record on the season and set the tone for what should be two very successful mat careers.

place honors at the Tulsa Blue-T, Coweta Classic and Oologah Novice tournaments. With all the success he enjoyed in his first season of the sport, the future in wrestling sure looks bright for Yahola Sanders.

It might be in his second year that he really begins to fly. After all,

that’s what big brother did. Mateo Sanders, a second-grader at Preston Elementary, competed in 10 tourna-



Photo courtesy of Missy Sanders

ments in his second year and placed in every single one. Simply put, Mateo was a winning machine. He captured championship finishes at the Glenpool Novice, Coweta Classic, Tulsa Blue-T, East Tulsa Central and Tulsa Union Tournaments. He narrowly missed out on two more titles

with a runner-up at the Collinsville and Oologah Novice tournaments.

Those accomplishments would pale in comparison to Mateo’s biggest feat, however, as he traveled to the Cliff Keen Novice Nationals to take on wrestlers from all across the United States. Mateo set a blistering pace for the rest of the field as he pinned his first three opponents, all in the first period, to advance to the championship where he faced off against Jaydon Woodruff of Colorado. Mateo came out on top, 7-2, to claim the title of National Champion. Perhaps the biggest thrill from Mateo was receiving his championship trophy from Olympian and former pro Danny Hodge. This was Mateo’s last year in the Novice division as he will move to Open competition next year.

Mateo and Yahola are the sons of proud parents Missy and Virgil Sanders of Okmulgee. Paternal grandparents are Edna Fixico and Kenneth Tiger of Okemah and Virgil Sanders, Sr., and Dorothy Simms of Choctaw. Maternal grandparents are Glenda Washington and the late Allen “Sonny Boy” Dailey.

Sports Calendar

• 4 Love of the Game unveils new tourney

MUSKOGEE — To all the fans of the wildly successful “Madness in March” basketball tournament put on by 4 Love of the Game that just can’t wait until next year’s event, you may have some pacification on the way.

The organization has announced it’s newest round-ball tourney, the “July Jump-Off,” which is scheduled to be held July 8-12 in Muskogee. The tournament will have the same feel as college basketball’s Maui Classic, with a Hawaiiin summer theme.

“We’re going to have all the coaches in Hawaiiin shirts just like in college at the Maui tournament,” said director Lucas Taylor. “It’s just something new and different and we feel like we can create a neat little tradition around here during the summertime for the kids.”

The tournament will, for the most part, follow the format of the March event with a college day planned and several fun activities for the kids and coaches including a luau get-together, beach volleyball and a golf scramble. Competition will begin on Thursday with two pool play games, followed by a double-elimination tournament during the weekend. Just like Madness, the Final Four will be on Sunday. All the action is set to take place at Muskogee High School and Bacone College. The age group will be the same as in the March tournament with the only requirement being incoming freshman through outgoing seniors. Teams can start registration on Monday, April 20. Cost will be \$300 per team. A considerable value when compared to other high-profile tourneys around the country.

“You can take a team of 10 to this tournament for \$300 or you can take the same squad out to Phoenix for over \$1,000,” pointed out 4LOTG board member David Pascale. “And we’ll stack up any of those tournaments out there that supposedly do everything for the kids against ours. To us, that’s the only thing it’s about, the kids.”

The organization is also gearing up for it’s first “Diamond Showcase,” an all-Indian baseball tournament that will be the first of it’s kind in the state. Players may begin registering for a \$25 fee that will include a jersey, belt and hat. When registration is complete, players will be drafted onto respective teams that will begin pool-play. The top four teams will then be placed in a single-elimination playoff. The top 20 players at the Diamond Showcase will then embark on an all expenses paid trip to Buffalo, NY for the 2nd Annual New Era Cap Baseball Classic as the tourney’s only all-Indian team.

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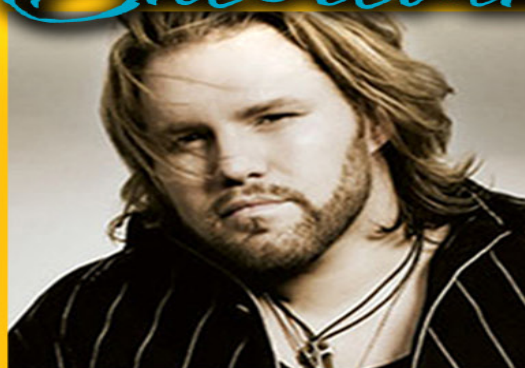


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Live Entertainment



BRANDY | june 19th



JAMES OTTO | june 20th



JOE DIFFIE | june 20th

June 18 - 21

Entries for the following must be submitted no later than Friday, May 29, 2009

Men's Basketball 3 on 3.....	Sprint Williams	918-759-1219
Youth Basketball 3 on 3.....	Chad Smith	405-487-8864
Golf Tournament.....	Celesta Johnson	800-299-9458
Horseshoes	Liz Holata	918-732-7614
Parade	Melinda Deeringwater	918-759-4172
Slow-Pitch Softball Tourn	George Roach	918-458-0577
Fast-Pitch Softball Tourn	Skeet Bemo	918-344-0798
Volleyball.....	Billie Harjochee	918-732-7960